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Rev. Douglas Horton, D.D., of New York, who will give four addresses at State Conference.

SUMMER CAMPS

Space does not permit an account of each of the seven young people's conferences which were held during the past summer, nor do we have exact figures on the attendance of some of them. Apparently there were close to 400 young people. It was hoped that some of the conferences would have a larger attendance, but the leaders, without exception, report that having fewer young people helped to raise the quality of work done.

It is impossible to mention all of the faculty members by name, but our own Northern California people will join in expressing profound gratitude to Miss Lucille Day, Rev. Erwin L. Shaver, Rev. Dwight J. Bradley, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cary, and Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Markham, all of whom helped so splendidly. Miss Day helped at three conferences; Dr. Shaver, Dr. Wilbur and the Markhams at two; while the Carys of Japan, Dwight Bradley, and Mrs. Wilbur each helped at one. And what shall we say of Field Secretary Sherman, Sidney H. Buckham, Fred R. Morrow, W. R. Steininger, P. Pierson Parker, Garver Jensen, Vernice Chamberlain, Elmer W. Benedict, Rev. and Mrs. George Atkinson, Dr. H. S. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flick, Robert Cleland, Rev. and Mrs. Verdette Walters, Victor Morgan, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Henderson, Rev. John G. Dickey, John Gregg, Robert Bentley, Mrs. C. A. Broaddus, Virgil Carlson, J. K. Ballou, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. Rudolph Caughey, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. M. Fiske, Dr. H. F. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Harris, Professor George Colliver, Mr. George Linn, James Salmon, A. W. Monosmith, Mrs. A. C. Jensen, Dr. W. M. Case, Wilfred Withington, E. L. Spuller, E. P. Shier, Miss Ida Nicholas, Dr. Charles E. Ward, and Rev. S. C. Peabody? And if there are any others, we profoundly beg their pardon for the oversight and thank them all for the service rendered.

Without drawing invidious distinctions, the following comment of a man who has attended a number of Congregational conferences and also camps for other religious groups and denominations, had this to say of Zephyr Point, "Not only was it the best we have known with Pilgrim Fellowship or Cacoypa, but it was the high spot of our summer. I place the emphasis on the following factors in your success: an unusually fine faculty, a smaller conference, weather conditions above the average, and the student council really thought that it had a place of power in the origination and execution of plans, which secured better cooperation."

WHO'S WHO ON THE PROGRAM

Every annual meeting of the Conference is regarded as the best. That is what the delegates say when they return home.

Nineteen thirty-nine will be no exception. It, too, will be the best, as evidenced by this unusual list of speakers:

Rev. Douglas Horton, minister and secretary of the General Council, recently returned from Madras, will speak on "A Trembling World and the Eternal Gospel," "What Is the Spirit Saying to the Churches," and "The Meaning of Fellowship."

Rev. William F. Frazier, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, will speak on "The Treasure in Earthen Vessels," and "Puerto Rico, a Typical Missionary Responsibility and Opportunity."

President Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., of Pacific School of Religion, will give his maiden speech to the Conference, using the subject, "The Churches and the School."

Mrs. James H. Lash, distinguished wife of a distinguished pastor, comes from Hollywood to give a remarkable address on "Women in a Changing World."

Rev. Raymond B. Walker, of First Congregational Church, Portland, will be the speaker at the annual banquet. His subject will be "When the Green Light Flashes."

Rev. Vere V. Loper, new pastor at First, Berkeley, will give an address on "The Rediscovery of the Individual."

A full morning will be devoted to "Pilgrim Progress for 1939," with Rev. William R. Steininger presiding and Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, and Rev. Fred R. Morrow as speakers.

Discussion groups will consider these four subjects: "How to Reach the Fringes of Our Churches," "Religious Education," "The Nature of Neutrality and the Effects of Its Application," and "The Churches and Social Security." Speakers will be Rev. John H. Gregg, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Dr. Charles I. Duniway, and Rev. T. T. Giffen.

Services of worship will be conducted by Rev. Verdette Walters, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, and Rev. John G. Dickey.

The Conference sermon will be preached by Rev. Norman B. Henderson, using as his subject, "The Limited God."

The Conference communion service will be conducted by Rev. Godfrey Matthews, and the memorial service by Rev. J. B. Orr.

Laymen will have their own conference and luncheon on Thursday, with Rev. Douglas Horton and Rev. William F. Frazier as speakers. Their subjects will be "The Church of Laymen, by Laymen, and for Laymen" and "The Fellowship and Service of Christian Men."

The Federation of Congregational Women will hold its fall luncheon and will have as special guest Mrs. Mary Darling White, secretary of the Board of Home Missions, New York.

The Program Committee consists of Moderator William Hawley Davis, Rev. Heber S. Mahood, Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller substituting for Mrs. James Hazlett, and Superintendent Gill.

The dates will be October 17 to 19, and the place, Santa Cruz.

Book Club

Twenty-seven pastors have signed as members of the 1939-'40 Book Club, and will receive the first book on September 26. The membership has been divided into three circles of nine members each, and following books have been chosen by the Committee on Selection composed of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham and Rev. Charles E. Ward:

1. The Faith We Declare (Lewis)
2. I, Yahweh (Grey).
3. Guide to Understanding the Bible (Fosdick).
4. Art of Counselling (May).
5. Case for Evangelical Modernism (Cadoux).
6. Men of Power, Volume II (Eastman).
7. America in Mid-Passage (Beard).
8. Modern Movements in American Theology (Foster).
9. From U-Boat to Pulpit (Niemoeller).

The numbering indicates the order of rotation, with No. 1 following No. 9. Thus when each member receives his first book, he can readily see the order in which the books will reach him.

PROFESSOR J. C. BENNETT ORDAINED

An ordination council of unusual interest convened at First Church, Berkeley, on June 13, for the purpose of examining Professor John C. Bennett of the Department of Christian Doctrine of the Pacific School of Religion. Professor Bennett, formerly a Presbyterian, had never sought ordination until his transfer to the Congregational fellowship.

As would be expected, the examination was not so much for the purpose of discovering whether the candidate was qualified, as for the benefit of his hearers. Rev. Gail Cleland was the moderator and Rev. Pierson Parker the scribe. Professor C. C. McCown read the Scripture. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. H. F. Swartz and the prayer was offered by Professor James Muilenburg. The charge was given to the ordinand by Professor J. W. Buckham, and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the scribe.

Pilgrim Fellowship Officers

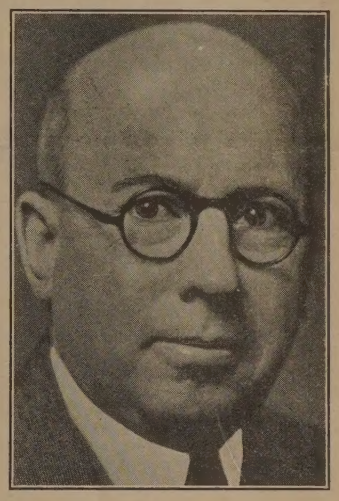
At the Zephyr Point Conference, the following officers were elected for Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California for the ensuing year:

President, Mary Fulmer of Berkeley, First Church.

Vice-President, Albert Brians of Penngrove.

Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Woodham of San Jose.

The past president, Vernice Chamberlain, will continue on the cabinet, as will Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, who is adult counsellor.



Rev. William F. Frazier, D.D., of New York, special speaker at State Conference.

Rev. R. H. Sink Honored

On June 8 and 11 the Stockton church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of Rev. Reuben Henry Sink as pastor. Mr. Sink is the second oldest man in our Northern California fellowship and he was pastor in Northern California at an earlier date than any other man in our fellowship now living. He was pastor at Redwood City while attending the Pacific Theological Seminary, and for a short time after. He then went to Grass Valley, but in 1889 accepted a call to Stockton, where he was pastor for 29 years, and where he has been pastor emeritus for 21 years.

A dinner was given by the church in his honor and many beautiful tributes were paid to him, some in the form of letters, and others by word of mouth. Superintendent Harley H. Gill, who immediately succeeded Mr. Sink as pastor of the church, preached the sermon on Sunday morning. On the evening following, the College of the Pacific conferred on Mr. Sink the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

Methodist Appointments

The Methodist Conference, meeting in San Francisco in June, did not make any changes in appointments of pastors to churches with which Congregationalists are federated, the former ministers being returned to their posts. They are: Rev. Edgar A. Lowther of First Congregational Methodist Temple, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton of Grace United Church of the Mission, Rev. G. F. Wortley of Park Presidio Church of San Francisco, Rev. H. F. Buckner of Suisun, Rev. C. L. Goodenough of Etna, and Rev. J. C. Kelsey of Pescadero. These ministers form a very vital part of our fellowship, and a link between the two great denominations.

"Out of His Experience"

Rev. Harry A. Shuder, director of education at San Quentin Prison, served as chaplain for the summer training camp of the Sixth Coast Artillery. A paper which he presented to army officers, on how to discover men who are about to have mental and moral collapse, and what to do about it, is to be published as an official document.

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Proposal for General Council Representation

The special commission to work out the plan for representation to the General Council has met and will present as its report to the State Conference next October the following scheme, for discussion and action:

Representation to the General Council was formerly by 14 delegates, but in the future will be 20 delegates: 10 ministers, 5 lay men, and 5 lay women. Supt. Gill presented a table of figures showing the membership by Associations. It was voted to recommend to the Conference the following plan for the election of delegates:

1. The 10 ministerial delegates to be distributed as follows: two from the Bay Association; one each from the German, Santa Clara, Upper Bay, San Joaquin, Sacramento Valley, Redwood Empire, and Central Associations. The Conference Superintendent will be the tenth ministerial delegate.
2. The German Conference, in addition to its ministerial member, shall have either a lay man or a lay woman, alternating the same and beginning with a lay man for the next General Council.
3. The Santa Clara Association, in addition to its ministerial member, shall have either a lay man or woman, alternating and beginning with a woman for the next session of the General Council.
4. Each Association will elect an alternate for each delegate chosen, in accordance with the above three paragraphs.
5. The remaining three lay men and three lay women delegates will be chosen by the Conference Board of Directors after giving careful consideration to nominations by the Associations.
6. The Board of Directors of the Conference will have power to make changes or substitutions in the event delegates or alternates cannot attend, and a committee consisting of the Conference Moderator, the President of the Board of Directors, and the Superintendent, may make last minute changes.
7. The Conference Superintendent shall have power to fill vacancies in any one of the three classifications: ministerial, lay men, and lay women, after the first session of the General Council meeting, in accordance with the provision in the By-Laws of the Council.

OCTOBER PACIFIC

Churches and pastors will understand if their news items do not appear in the October issue, for that will be a special edition printed in cooperation with the Missions Council for the purpose of telling the story of what we are doing in a missionary way. It will be richly illustrated. Extra copies will be available for free distribution. People have come to look eagerly for this annual number.

AGAIN A GAIN

During the three months of June, July, and August, there was a substantial recovery in missionary remittances. Early in the year our churches were nearly $1,000 ahead of 1938. That gain declined rather sharply, but the summer has restored a portion of it so that we stand at the present time approximately $750 better than at August 31, 1938. A number of churches have not reached last year's level, a few have held their own, but forty-one have made substantial gains. This, together with the increase in individual gifts in March, accounts for the present showing. Now that vacation is over, if our friends will pay up to the churches, and pastors and treasurers be prompt in remittance, there is no reason why 1939 should not go down as a year of real victory.

Church	June 1 to Aug.31,'39	Jan. 11 to Aug.31,'39	Jan. 11 to Aug.31,'38
Adin	$ 11.60	$ 22.10	$ 17.36
Alameda	.....	213.15	145.90
Alturas	28.30	28.30	33.63
Angels Camp	30.00	65.75	57.50
Antioch	.....	15.00	15.00
Auburn	.....	60.00	71.98
Benicia	.....	.....	5.00
Berkeley, First	1,053.25	3,078.15	2,890.29
Kensington	.....	.....	10.00
North	122.05	302.85	319.89
Park	.....	31.07	30.67
Campbell	56.00	112.00	57.95
Cloverdale	19.76	54.15	34.99
Cotati	.....	21.50	50.43
Crockett	.....	38.30	12.21
Eureka	50.00	241.52	240.33
Fairfax	12.50	12.50	10.00
Ferndale	90.82	144.81	138.39
Fowler	.....	.....	18.00
Fresno, First	64.59	279.89	369.17
Pilgrim	7.50	107.50	110.00
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Guerneville	4.00	9.00	3.50
Hayfork	.....	3.00	.....
Hayward	.....	50.00	50.00
Kenwood	.....	.....	11.61
Lodi, First	200.00	655.50	650.00
Loomis	.....	12.98	21.00
Martinez	42.84	164.56	148.05
Murphys	.....	60.00	60.00
Niles	.....	.....	10.70
Oakland, First	883.32	3,116.82	3,686.82
Fruitvale	11.00	21.00	24.00
Japanese	.....	.....	5.00
Pilgrim	15.00	26.00	13.50
Plymouth	163.24	517.69	497.65
Oroville	.....	24.60	20.00
Pacific Grove	78.74	191.22	186.93
Palo Alto	300.00	946.63	1,100.00
Paradise	.....	105.90	30.00
Penngrove	.....	4.48	11.11
Pescadero	.....	.....	5.00
Petaluma	146.03	356.79	270.79
Pittsburg	38.33	115.00	81.29
Port Chicago	.....	6.00	.....
Porterville	62.50	130.00	100.00
Redwood City	300.73	462.93	153.50
Rio Vista	30.00	60.00	60.00
Ripon	24.90	92.47	83.94
Sacramento	224.74	396.81	236.33
San Carlos	.....	48.97	59.90
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mssn. Pk.	5.65	79.91	206.38
Calvary	.....	20.00	.....
First	630.08	995.05	945.27
Ocean View	5.19	8.89	15.00
Richmond	.....	.....	85.00
San Jose	215.00	435.00	402.00
San Leandro	15.40	50.05	37.51
San Lorenzo	.....	10.00	.....
San Mateo	.....	272.88	87.50
San Rafael	15.00	15.00	.....
Santa Cruz	175.00	521.10	435.00
Santa Rosa	34.15	111.35	114.14
Saratoga	113.16	234.56	222.97
Sebastopol	49.84	121.59	113.79
Sonoma	25.00	66.85	82.51
Soquel	25.00	50.00	52.00
Stockton	45.83	251.95	332.11
Suisun	35.40	35.40	37.00
Sunol	.....	20.00	.....
Tulare	55.00	185.00	185.00
Weaverville	21.00	84.29	77.30
Woodside	.....	.....	20.00
Reno, Nev.	122.42	259.54	271.32
Misc. & Individual	45.85	1,714.76	1,264.90
	$5,605.71	$17,960.06	$17,206.46

Laymen's Retreats

Plans are under way for five laymen's weekend retreats, to be held in the autumn, following the State Conference. Exact places and dates will be announced later. The team will consist of Professor John C. Bennett of Pacific School of Religion, Field Secretary Sherman, Superintendent Gill, and laymen to be selected by the Laymen's Commission, headed by Mr. C. T. Tinker.

P.S.R. Opening

The Pacific School of Religion had its opening on Monday, August 28, with the new president, Rev. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., giving the convocation address.

The largest entering class in the history of the school enrolled, including students from fourteen states, three foreign countries, and seven denominations. Professor George T. Tolson has returned from an extended trip abroad.

The school feels highly fortunate in having on its faculty Dr. Fritz Kunkel, famous Berlin psycho-therapist. In addition to teaching regularly as a member of the faculty he will give an extension course on evenings beginning September 4 to a limited number of pastors and other interested people.

THE WILBURS SAIL

The Wilburs have returned to China. They sailed on August 25—Dr. Leonard F., his wife, Jean Spaulding, and their two children—for their post in the Taiku Hospital, North China.

Dr. Wilbur not only won a place in the hearts of the Chinese people during his first period of service abroad, but both he and Mrs. Wilbur have endeared themselves to our northern California churches and the young people in our summer conferences. The First Congregational Church of San Francisco gave them a splendid farewell service, Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, and Judge Curtis D. Wilbur participating and saying Godspeed.

Rev. Raymond B. Walker, First Church, Portland, Ore., speaker at Conference banquet at Santa Cruz.

COLONEL CHERINGTON

Rev. Reed B. Cherington, who has been chaplain on the staff of General David P. Barrows of the National Guards of California, has retired and has been given the rank of Colonel. The new hostess house at the National Guard camp at San Luis Obispo has been named "Cherington House" in his honor.

Carol Anne Gregg

The June issue of THE PACIFIC inexcusably overlooked the coming to the parsonage at Porterville of a new member of the Gregg family, Carol Anne. She immediately took over authority in the home and became the center of interest for the parish.

Rev. and Mrs. Stewart E. Locke

PACIFIC is glad to make announcement and to extend congratulations on the marriage of Rev. Stewart E. Locke of Auburn and Miss Elinor Caus of Stockton, on the evening of August 1.

Chaplain A. T. Davies

Rev. Arthur T. Davies, formerly pastor at Salida, has been appointed chaplain at Fairmont Hospital. His work is sponsored by women's societies of churches of many denominations in the East Bay.

PITTSBURG. Rev. and Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict and 17 young people attended the Lokoya Conference, where Mr. Benedict was director. The delegates took over the service on August 27, conducting the worship and giving reports. The young people had rehearsed twice for the service, and as a result the congregation felt that they gave the best presentation of a conference that the church had heard. A new cook stove for the kitchen has been secured.

PENNGROVE. Albert Brians of this church was elected vice-president of the state Pilgrim Fellowship. A year ago Albert Focht from this same young people's group was Secretary-Treasurer. Rev. C. C. Champlin, pastor of the two churches, feels justly proud of the honor done to this group in selecting two Conference-wide officers from the Cotati-Penngrove Fellowship.

RIPON. Early in the summer there was a splendid vacation school with enrollment of 100. The pastor, Rev. Robert A. Bentley, was assisted by Rev. Virgil Carlson of Salida, and by several trained public school teachers. Mr. Bentley and his family spent a vacation in Chicago, where he attended the special summer course for ministers at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

SACRAMENTO. Rev. Torrance Phelps has been on the job since June 15. Before going on his vacation in August, he had made 300 calls. He received a number of new members into the church, and was concentrating an older members who had become "lukewarm." Plans for the autumn and the new year are challenging in their magnitude.

BENICIA. Mr. Arthur R. Flick has been called for another year. The church is completely out of debt for the first time in many years but will soon plunge into debt again for roof and paint. A fine group of young people went to summer camp. The pastor assisted in two of the conferences.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. This church entertained the annual conference of Japanese Congregational ministers during the last week of July. Representatives were present from as far north as Seattle, as far south as San Diego, and as far east as Salt Lake City.

CAMPBELL. Rev. J. H. Bennett attended the Institute on International Relations at Mills College for the third time this past June. He finds these meetings a source of tremendous help, and wishes that more of our ministers might find it possible to attend.

TRINITY COUNTY. While Rev. James Salmon visited his family in Buffalo, N. Y., the church carried on by various laymen conducting services at Weaverville. A number of Trinity County young people were in attendance at the Modoc-Trinity Camp.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen spent his vacation in southern California, and preached three Sundays in the First Congregational Church of San Diego.

OROVILLE. Rev. Benjamin Gould and his family have been vacationing at Mt. Hermon and returned to their field of labor on September 1.

SARATOGA. The pastorate of Rev. Fred R. Morrow has opened most auspiciously. Mr. Morrow was on the faculty at Zephyr Point and Loma Mar No. 2.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST. Since Rev. O. W. S. McCall left, February 1, a committee has been exceedingly active in preparation for the recommendation of a new pastor. Their labors were finally completed during the summer, when they presented to the church the name of Rev. Vere V. Loper of the First Plymouth Church of Denver, and Dr. Loper was called, not only unanimously but enthusiastically.

He comes to Berkeley after a most successful period of nine years in Denver, during which time the church has grown and has maintained a program of high order. Dr. Loper is a comparatively young man having been ordained just twenty years ago. He has held pastorates in Minnesota and Illinois and has taken an active part in inter-denominational and community affairs, as well as in our own fellowship. His service will begin early in October.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach, wife of the pastor, suffered a most painful accident at their summer cottage in the high Sierras. She fell from a ladder, fracturing vertebrae, and is confined in a cast for a good many weeks. Progress is being made as rapidly as can be expected.

The church carried off the honors with the largest number present at the Zephyr Point conference. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske, the new minister of Christian Education, will soon appear before an ordination council.

ALAMEDA. Early in the summer Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, preached a series of sermons on great dramas of Shakespeare. During his vacation, among those who supplied the pulpit was Dr. Alexander Irvine, who gave personal experiences in relation to spirit mediums and attempts to communicate with the spirits of those who have passed on. Dr. Irvine was decorated by the king and is an honorary member of the British House of Commons. He is author of the famous book, "My Lady of the Chimney Corner."

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. During the early part of the summer Rev. Jason Noble Pierce vacationed in the east while Rev. E. A. Lowther carried on. More recently Dr. Lowther has been on vacation and Dr. Pierce has been in the pulpit. Large Sunday morning congregations have been present throughout the summer with hundreds of visitors from other places. The church extends a special welcome to those from afar.

SAN CARLOS. The proceeds of a carnival assisted in sending eleven delegates to the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. A lath summer house erected by the Men's Club has helped to relieve congestion in the Church School and social enterprises during the past two months. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

SONOMA. Mr. Donald H. Bean preached two Sunday mornings during July. Donald grew up in the church and is now studying at a theological seminary in Omaha. An historical pageant depicting Sonoma's history was given on July 31 for the benefit of the renovating fund. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian and his family spent their vacation at Mt. Hermon. He has been called to continue as pastor for another two-year period. The congregation is united and happy under his leadership.

CEDARVILLE. This is a new name in Congregational annals. Several years ago it was hoped that an exchange could be carried through whereby the members of the Ceres Church would join the Methodist Church in that place, and the Cedarville Methodist Church would become Congregational. Conditions beyond the control of denominational officials prevented the coming of Cedarville into our fellowship at that time, but recently the church unanimously voted to transfer to the Congregational association, and this has been done with the full consent of the Methodist Cabinet. It may take some months before all details can be worked out. The Cedarville Church will add to our strength in Modoc County, and Rev. Virgil Vineyard, the pastor, who will be loaned to us for the time being, and who is well known in that great district, will be heartily welcomed.

MARTINEZ. This church is undertaking the Program of Progress in earnest, with twenty copies of the booklet being studied and an evening being devoted by a church planning group to the careful outlining of what the church might do in advance. Rev. and Mrs. Verdette Walters and two young people attended the Lokoya conference, and there were eleven Christian Endeavorers at Mt. Hermon. The young people had charge of one whole service, giving reports of the conferences. The church services are showing more than double the attendance of a year ago.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. Myron Nichols, who serves Guerneville, reports that while members of the church are unable to attend during the summer, due to work in the various resorts, there is a large attendance of visitors. Twenty-one children enrolled in the vacation church school, held in August. Monthly fellowship dinners are planned for the autumn.

During the summer Mr. Nichols claimed for himself a bride in Southern California. He is a student at the San Anselmo theological seminary.

EUREKA. Through the invitation of Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, this church had the opportunity of hearing Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee on July 2, in an address on "Why I Favor Admitting Refugee Children." The address was broadcast through the local radio station. Rabbi Coffee pointed out that among the refugees are children of all faiths; not only those of Hebrew faith, but Protestant children whose fathers are pacifists and ardent liberals.

ANTIOCH. For the second year, union services with the Methodist Church were held, the ministers of the two churches alternating. Antioch was represented at Zephyr Point and Lokoya, with three at the first-named conference and nine at the other. The Program of Progress will be stressed in the fall activities. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. On July 5 the church gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bue. Mr. Bue is a government geologist and has been transferred to Helena, Mont. The Bues have been very active in the church, Mr. Bue having been president of the Board of Trustees for three and a half years. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

NILES. Officials and the pastor, Rev. R. C. Day, have been busy this summer getting new articles of incorporation and arranging a loan from the Building Society to complete the financing of the church building.

PORT CHICAGO. A council was held on June 27 which examined the pastor, Rev. Robert Cleland, and pronounced him qualified for service in the Christian ministry. The ordination followed. Rev. Elmer Benedict served as moderator and Rev. Verdette Walters as scribe. The Scripture was read by Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, invocation by Rev. F. J. Van Horn. The sermon was preached by the candidate's father, Rev. Gail Cleland. Prayer of ordination was offered by Dean James Muilenburg. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. T. T. Giffen, and to the people by Superintendent Gill. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Wm. R. Steininger.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. A silver jubilee was held on August 2, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the coming of Rev. M. G. Papazian to the church. Speakers on the program included one of the City Commissioners as representative of the Mayor, and other civic leaders in the community. Dr. Henry Stauffer, a Yale classmate ('89) of the pastor, spoke in behalf of the Northern California Congregational Conference. Appropriate musical selections were given and a social hour followed the program, at which time messages of congratulation were read and an anniversary cake was cut.

SANTA CRUZ. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, exchanged pulpits and parsonages for a month with Rev. Ralph Conard of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Seattle. The church building has been repainted and the rooms of the first floor of the memorial parsonage have been repapered. Following the Young People's Conference at Zephyr Point, one morning service was given over to the delegates, who had entire charge of the service, with the pastor's son, Leland, presiding.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert W. Inglis began his work on the last Sunday of August. Prior to his coming the church made careful preparation by setting up a plan to encourage regular attendance, and by cleaning the building and redecorating the study. Plymouth is looking forward to a period of great growth and usefulness. The board of directors of the Iowa Conference, the council of dismissal, and the Grinnell church, united in words of highest praise for his leadership in the middle west.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. With the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. M. Fiske, a search was made for a new director, and Mr. Dan Wilson, with his new bride, is now on the field. He has had much experience with student groups, particularly in the Peace Movement. He will be enrolled at the Pacific School of Religion. The church school has opened with a full staff of teachers, and arrangements are made for adult study class lectures by Rev. P. Pierson Parker.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The pastor, Rev. P. Pierson Parker, served on the faculty of the Zephyr Point Conference and also the Loma Mar Conference No. 1, and the church sent three delegates to each conference. The church debt is now paid in full. The men of the church cooked and served a dinner to the ladies, putting on an entertainment for them afterwards.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. R. R. Shoemaker continues his service as supply minister. Miss Ida Nicholas served on the staff at Loma Mar No. 2, taking two young people as delegates.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. This church was hostess to the Armenian Evangelical Union of California, June 30 to July 2. Ministers and delegates from Armenian Congregational and Presbyterian churches were present. The theme of the conference was "Ecumenicity," with discussion of Oxford, Edinburgh, and Madras. Superintendent Gill gave the closing address. The moderator was Rev. M. G. Papazian. With the church conference was held the convention of the Armenian Christian Endeavor Union. The total attendance of the two conferences in the different gatherings on Sunday, was more than 1,000. Rev. V. H. Yessayan was host pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. A particularly encouraging event has been the securing of Mrs. Annie Jones Hughes, director of the Bay Cities Welsh choir, as the director of music for the church. About sixty families of the church and Sunday School picnicked together on Memorial Day. On August 12 the church sponsored the visitors' service at Temple of Religion, the choir furnishing music and the pastor preaching. Widespread interest in the congregation and in the press was awakened by a series of sermons on answers to the question which Rev. Tom Watt propounded to a number of people, "If you were God, what is the first thing you would do?"

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Right straight through the summer Rev. J. B. Orr was at his post. Two young people attended Loma Mar and others visited the grounds. Mr. Orr will take the leading role in one of Joaquin Miller's plays to be presented at Treasure Island, November 11. Plans are well under way for a celebration on November 26 of the 47th anniversary of the church and the 50th anniversary of the pastor's ordination. Two adults were received into fellowship at the end of August.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Willard B. Thorp, after nineteen years of service, has taken a six-months leave of absence and has indicated to the church that they should use this period in finding his successor. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is much improved in health and that he plans to continue to live in Palo Alto and will be, as he has been in the past, a friend and counsellor of his brothers, both lay and ministerial.

COTATI. A flower show and food sale, directed by Mrs. C. C. Champlin, wife of the pastor, was held on August 15. More than a hundred flower lovers attended. The pulpits at Cotati and Penngrove will be filled for two Sundays by the young people who attended Lokoya and Zephyr Point, while the pastor and his wife are vacationing in the north.

ALTURAS. This church, under the leadership of Rev. J. K. Ballou, pastor, has been working out a plan for the elimination of a tremendously burdensome indebtedness, which resulted from street, sewer, and water improvements during the boom days of Alturas. Several legal wrinkles remain to be ironed out, but there is more hope than there has been for a long time.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

DR. GOODSELL AT FIRST MEETING

Our first after-vacation meeting, August 17, was full of good things. A happy surprise to many was the presence of Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, who spoke on the watchword of the Madras Conference, "Strengthen the Church." He stressed the fact that the Madras Conference affords every Christian a fresh lead, in his own personal Christian faith and in his service in the Christian enterprise, for thought as well as for service. He spoke on what "strengthening the church" does not mean: ecclesiasticism, nor organization, nor elaboration of doctrine, nor nationalism, nor hasty or careless devolution. It does mean: better churchmanship (greater thoroughness and comprehensiveness and relatedness), and a sense of worldwide fellowship. In today's great "Battle of Communities" (Communist, Fascist, etc.) the church is the champion of the Christian Community, and we Christians are committed to the conviction that Christ is the hope of the world. As typical "builders of the church," Dr. Goodsell sketched the work of three of our American Board missionaries. Frank Woodward of the Philippines is a great interpreter of the Christian movement. His field of Mindanao, rich in forest, mines, and agricultural resources, is the frontier to which thousands of people from Luzon are going. Sixty churches there have become self-supporting in the last few years. Mr. Woodward is adviser to three Conferences (Northern, Southern, and Eastern) which are all under Filipino leadership. Our emphasis is on native leadership, also upon the coming together of the various denominations, which has resulted in the United Evangelical Church (Presbyterian, United Brethren, and Congregational).

Earle Ballou of North China is Associate General Secretary of our North China Congregational Council (Kung Li Hui) which is composed of three elected delegates from each of our seven stations. Of all these, with their educational, evangelistic, and medical work, Mr. Ballou is the center. He is also regional secretary of the National Christian Council and helps to foster the close cooperation between it and our Congregational Council. The Japanese, if they wished to, could not crush the Christian movement in North China.

The church is based on Life, and Dr. Mary Cushman of Chilesso, South Africa, incarnates the new life in Christ out of which grows the church. In her the nations see unselfishness at work morning, noon and night. Our Christian civilization with its hospitals and schools is built on the foundation of Christ.

In closing, Dr. Goodsell appealed for a young woman doctor to volunteer as successor to Dr. Cushman, who is retiring.

Our Home Field Secretary received a most generous response to her appeal for contributions to buy new hymnals for Rev. James Salmon's church at Hayfork, in Trinity County. Eight of our groups gave amounts from $1 to $17.50, with a total of $50.15. Twenty-five song books of Mr. Salmon's own selection were sent, also $5 for paint for the church wainscoting (the work will be done by the young people.) The balance of $25 is on hand for further help. A letter from Mr. Salmon expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude to our Federation women.

Mrs. M. D. White Coming

The women of northern California are to have as their guest during the early days of October Mrs. Mary Darling White of New York City, secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Churches. She is in charge of parsonage boxes and of social service quotas for missionary schools and hospitals. She is especially familiar with all aspects of women's work in the local church. She was formerly president of the Women's Home Missionary organization in New York and then their Field Secretary. Since 1932 she has traveled throughout the country.

In company with our own president, Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller, Mrs. White will visit each Association, where a one-day institute will be held. The schedule as now set up is as follows: October 4, for the Bay Association, at San Francisco, Congregational Methodist Temple; October 5, for the Redwood Empire Association, probably at Petaluma; October 6, for the Santa Clara Association, place not yet selected; October 9, for the Upper Bay Association, at Antioch; October 10, for the Sacramento Valley Association, at Loomis; October 11, for the Central Association, at Salida; October 13, for the San Joaquin Association, at Fresno. She will probably speak one Sunday at Pescadero and will fill other local appointments. She will be guest at the Conference and speaker at the Women's Fall Luncheon.

Hear Dr. Judd

Dr. Walter H. Judd, recently American Board surgeon in North China, will soon be on the Pacific coast. On September 15 he will address the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco (broadcast over KGO at one P. M.) and at North Church, Berkeley, in the evening. On Sunday, September 17, he will speak at Berkeley, First Church, in the morning (broadcast over KRE) and at San Francisco, Congregational Methodist Temple in the evening. Watch the papers for his other speaking engagements and try to hear him. Dr. Brewer Eddy says: "I consider him the most effective speaker on China now lecturing in America."

Sailing

Miss Maryette Lum, who sailed for China on August 11, took with her for Dr. Alma Cooke two burlap sacks full, mostly of old and new muslin. For Miss Lum's own use our women contributed piano music, religious pictures, reconditioned Christmas cards, etc. For Miss Alice Huggins, who also sailed on August 11, there came in a splendid package of band and orchestra music and several musical instruments.

Miss Eunice Thomas' sailing was postponed by the American Board, to her great disappointment, because of difficulty in getting through to Foochow. At a summer tea, held by Berkeley, First Church, women, she gave a most interesting account of her teaching in Fukien Christian University. Earlier in the summer over 40 Berkeley women enjoyed an afternoon with Miss Thomas and Miss Lum, in the home of Mrs. Wm. Sadler.

Dr. Leonard Wilbur and family sailed for Taiku, North China, on August 25. He took with him the large amount of surplus muslin sent in by our women, and many other things. Little Ruth was happily looking forward to celebrating her fifth birthday on shipboard. On the same steamer was Miss Isabelle Phelps, who goes to Paotingfu, where the Elmer Galts are. She took a large package of Christmas cards for use by all of them. Rev. and Mrs. Edward G. Nichols and their three young children also sailed on the same steamer, en route to Madura, India. With them went a large package of Bible pictures, scrap book, cards, etc., from Oakland, First, and Plymouth Churches, and Berkeley, First. Berkeley women have sent over 100 books to Tillotson College this summer and over 50 books to Talladega College. We are very glad the low book rate has been extended for two years.

THE AGONY OF GOD
By Georgia E. Harkness

I listen to the agony of God—
I who am fed,
Who never yet went hungry for a day.
I see the dead—
The children starved for lack of bread—
I see and try to pray.

I listen to the agony of God—
I who am warm,
Who never yet have lacked a sheltering home.
In dull alarm
The dispossessed of hut and farm
Aimless and "transient" roam.

I listen to the agony of God—
I who am strong,
With health, and love, and laughter in my soul.
I see a throng
Of stunted children reared in wrong
And wish to make them whole.

I listen to the agony of God—
But know full well
That not until I share their bitter cry—
Earth's pain and hell—
Can God within my spirit dwell
To bring His kingdom nigh.

Rev. E. O. Chapel Passes

On June 15, Rev. Elmer O. Chapel, pastor at Grass Valley for sixteen years, passed away very suddenly as the result of heart trouble, at an age of 66 years. A native of Kansas, he was ordained in the year 1899 following his training in Chicago. Thirty-four years were spent in California, holding pastorates at Crockett, Rio Vista, and Grass Valley. He was registrar of the Sacramento Valley Association for ten years.

During his pastorate, the Grass Valley church was rebuilt and a pipe organ installed. He was active in community affairs. The local paper paid him this splendid tribute: "He vindicated well the role of 'Envoy of the Cross'."

He is survived by Mrs. Chapel and two daughters.

All Aboard for Mexico

President Emeritus and Mrs. Herman F. Swartz, who spent a number of months in Mexico last winter, utilizing every moment of their stay in becoming acquainted with the geography, the culture, and the people of Mexico, have announced that they are ready to take a party of not less than ten and not more than fifteen persons for a thirty day trip into Mexico, beginning October 12, at a very modest cost. The prospectus of the trip indicates that it will be equal to a semester of study and at the same time highly enjoyable as a vacation. Details can be secured from Dr. Swartz, at 600 Coventry Road, Berkeley.

Conference Ofice Visitors

The Conference office has been favored by visits from a number of distinguished people, including Rev. P. H. Wang, pastor of a leading Chinese Congregational church in Peiping and delegate to the forthcoming International Council, Rev. Robert E. Chandler, secretary of the American Board and Mrs. Chandler, on their way returning to China, Rev. and Mrs. Clark P. Garman, en route to Japan, and Miss Gertrude Harris, of India, who is to study this year at the Pacific School of Religion and will be glad to do some speaking after November.

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